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Dear H. G. ,

In case you think we take you for granted, don't believe it. Were that so it would be principally because your're both good-natured and efficient -- a rare combination. Between the General, Mrs. Balmer, Hank, Bert, and yourself, our every need was met including a chance for me to get energy I sorely needed from a Hawaiian banana split.

Without that last Friday afternoon spin, we would have left your south sea isle with a memory only of admirals, generals, briefings, and security systems. As it was, we have at least a taste of what it must be like for those of you who live there and, except when visited by Headquarters personnel, enjoy in a leisurely fashion. If thus far you haven't found it possible to enjoy it that way, I urge you to start in now else you'll be home. We have lots of sand in the gears here, but no sand on a beach.

We all send our kindest regards, and thanks for your help.